

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presented herein is requested. Claims 1-11 and 13-33 are pending in the application for reconsideration following amendment. Claims 1, 7, 11, 14-18, 21-23, 29 and 33 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 7, 11-22, 29 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, claims 7, 11, 14-18, 21-22, 29 and 33 have been amended to correct the indefinite claim language. That is, “second thread(s)” has been changed to “one or more second threads”, “that connector” has been changed to “thread-dependent connector”, and “application” has been changed to “multi-threaded application”.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 and 13-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,430). Chang does not disclose maintaining a single thread to link to the detected thread-dependent connection by mapping each multiple thread with the single thread, as specified in amended claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 23 and 33. (See Applicants’ Specification, p.3, l.11). Chang merely describes a database object that establishes a single connection to the database and retains parameters that will allow for subsequent use of the database connection for the duration of the task.

Applicants thus respectfully submit that claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 23 and 33 are not rendered obvious by the Chang Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2-10, 13-20, and 24-32 depend from claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 23 and 33 and therefore include all the limitations of those independent claims. Since the Chang Patent does not render claims 1-11 and 13-33, as amended, unpatentable Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections thereof be withdrawn by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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